

Dear Reader:

The opportunity to participate in free elections, and to have one's voice heard by voting, is the essence of American democracy. The Office of the Attorney General for the State of New Jersey is committed to making the democratic process as inclusive, accessible, and user-friendly as possible. Consistent with that spirit, the Division of Elections offers this updated, 2004 Chronological Elections Guide (previously the Chronological Elections Index).

The Chronological Elections Guide sets forth the important deadlines for the major elections held in New Jersey each year. These elections include the annual school board elections held in April, the municipal elections held in certain non-partisan municipalities in May, the Primary Elections held in June, and the November General Elections.

The Chronological Elections Guide includes informative sections regarding the school board and non-partisan municipal elections. The Guide also includes an outline of the specific duties of New Jersey's various elections officials. The Guide is now available on-line in both English and Spanish language versions. As a new feature, the 2004 Guide includes legislative district maps.

I sincerely hope the information contained in this Chronological Elections Guide assists all eligible New Jerseyans in exercising their right to vote.

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